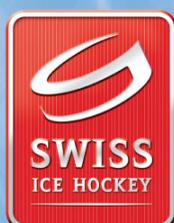




# Piedmont Predators

## Switzerland Trip Gives Predators Bantam Team New Level of Competition

“Cheese Fondue anyone?”



## Swiss Ice Hockey Tournament

The **Piedmont Predators Bantam Navy** hockey team usually plays in tournaments in the Mid-Atlantic region during the season, but **Coach Chris Borner** wants to shake things up this season.

He is changing his team routine in a big way taking the Bantam Navy Team to an International Hockey Tournament in Switzerland at the end of the 2012-2013 season.

The team of 13 and 14 year old players has been playing against high caliber teams during the regular season all over the east coast going as far as Rochester NY. Looking for an even bigger challenge, Borner began searching last April for a tournament in his native country.

The Predators found a top-notch competition at the 19th Argovia Stars International March Tournament.

The team will travel March 12 to Zurich Switzerland. They will have two practices there to get use to the bigger ice surface. They will play an exhibition game on Thursday vs. Zurich Lions, and then they will play five games starting Friday ending Sunday. The teams participating will be mostly from Switzerland but will also have a team from Germany and Austria. The Austrian team won the tournament last year and again will be a “powerhouse” while the guest team is currently in the top of the Swiss Bantam league standings.

The trip will also be a cultural experience, as Swiss hockey families will host the boys. “I want to take them over there to experience something new and not just from the hockey point of view,” Borner said. “A lot of these kids have never been out of the country; with facebook, skype, etc. I hope that they will forge new friendships and open their horizon”.

The team will finish the trip in style going to ski in “Zermatt” followed the next day by taking the “Glacier Express” train from Zermatt to Zurich. The “Glacier Express” is a scenic train that will carry the team thru 291 bridges and 91 tunnels, all this at an elevation up to 8,000 ft. The team will eat lunch in panoramic wagons, while enjoying the view of the glaciers at the heart of the Swiss Alps.

We wish the **Predator Bantam Navy Team** lots of success overseas and trust that they will represent their organization proudly.